

Squib's Column.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ANXIOUS MOTHER. Lead Johnny the gun if it has no trigger.

HEMO. You can hold some crackers between your teeth, but we object to fire-crackers, unless you have several teeth to be extracted at one time.

PHYOTECNIC. Sparks fly naturally and irresponsibly; especially when maiden ladies gather for confab.

ENQUIRER. Gunpowder is made of saltpetre, sulphur and charcoal, well mixed together and dried. The proportion often differs according to where you get it. That purchased of grocers is apt to contain plenty of charcoal.

BLOOMFIELD. The experiment of lighting gunpowder on top of a fence is not a new one, dating back to the first Fourth of July after the manufacture of fences. Be careful to have a hose handy and don't lay the powder on too thick; it might set your fence back from the road a short distance.

MURKET. The "flint-lock" will not hurt you—if you don't fire it off. If you wish to arouse the country, put the stock against a large tree and blaze away.

OUR OWN SQUIB. Blue Lights.—Those used to light (f) the cars going through the tunnel.

CHASER. Cattle on the track in pursuit of slow freight trains.

GRASSHOPPERS. All who attempt to cross the meadows after a shower.

DOUBLE-HEADERS. Those who have had another head put on them.

SHY ROCKETS. Members of the Euclean Society.

ROAMING CANDLES. Morris and Essex "dips."

TORPEDOS. "Sh-(hic)-un-a" today's Declaration of Independence (hic) an I'm afraid yer been (hic) drinking!"

A new arrival at Wheeling, W. Va., has been christened "Andrew Jackson—Gordon—James—Buchanan—Raine the dog and fire the cannon Dobbins." He was baptised at intervals.

"Ror for the day (hic) we celebrate (hic) winner if they'll have a nother Tea party this year!"

A Montclair youth of great hope and promise went into a blacksmith shop one Fourth of July with his pocket full of powder "to see the sparks fly." When he came out he made a hole in the roof.

Snoodles, Jr., has become a Millerite and ascended from Orange. He "kept the Fourth" with his father's five dollar shot gun, both went off at the same time and neither have been seen since.

Over in Belleville they take the large "Union Torpedo" to cut teeth on. They cut.

At Roseville, one boy holds the rocket while another sets it off. It takes a new boy to each rocket.

HOW SQUIB SPENT THE FOURTH.

"Wife," said Squib, to the lady who had assumed his euphonious title, "tomorrow will be the 'glorious Fourth'—how shall we celebrate it?"

Thus appealed to, Mrs. Squib soothed her chignon meditatively, looked out upon the well-worn croquet lawn, at the carriage bespattered with mud, from recent use, and then at the ponies which had just been purchased for saddle only.

"I have it," said she; "let us try the ponies!" Squib was agreeable; in fact he was about to make the same proposition, and it was so decided.

The tooling of E. flat fish-horns roused Mr. and Mrs. Squib several times between dawn and the respectable hour of seven o'clock, at which, with their accustomed regularity, they arose, but they set it down as the idiotic manifestation of embryonic patriotism, and dozed away.

At sunrise a grand salute, of one gun for every star in the flag, succeeded in rousing Squib's somnolent hostler, who, after assuring himself that he was in no way injured by the discharge, nor yet discharged for his many short comings, recollected his country's natal day, wherefore he gave the ponies a good square meal to start on and a peck or two of oats extra apiece, to keep them going when started. Mr. and Mrs. Squib stowed away a few extra waffles at breakfast, to strengthen them for their day's ride, contributed to several illumination funds when urged therefor by their neighbors, with a view to sundry town displays, and finally ordered up the horses.

Mrs. Squib unfortunately had rather too much hat for a small head, but that gave her no uneasiness, and soon attired, she made her appearance.

Squib had bought himself a new high hat, and booted and spurred, he helped his wife into one saddle and soon occupied the one beside her.

Now be it known that Mr. and Mrs. Squib had been on horseback before, but it did not occur to them that some thirteen years had elapsed since they had availed themselves of this particular means of locomotion. "Let's canter," said Mrs. Squib, and touching her horse with the whip, she dashed ahead.

Now Squib is not one of the sort of men who had a lief to be beaten as not; on the contrary he is one of the strong who will win, or die in the attempt; so he sang out cheerfully, "all right, Mrs. Squib, I'm coming!"

And so he was, though not in the precise manner he had expected. A lad, in whose deep blue eye there shone the light of a few top or twelve summers, sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee," as he saw them coming up the road, got a huge fire-cracker ready, and as Mr. Squib attempted to urge forward his horse, facilitated matters by dropping that piece of explosive paste-board just behind the animal. What with early oats now rapidly digesting, a smart cut with the whip and the explosion of the cracker, it occurred to the horse that it was about time to start, so with a snort and a whinny, he lifted his hind feet suddenly, and Mr. Squib stood on his new title in the center of the road, about a rod in advance of Mrs. Squib. Parties passing at the time said confidently that he had not enjoyed a Sabbath School training, while they un-

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